MUSTANG MESSENGER

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'65 - '66 Yearbook to Change--

The Yearbook of 1965-1966 promises to be somewhat different from previous yearbooks. Mr. Cleven, the sponsor says that this year the picture of our school might have to be on the cover because of the lack of space on the inside. Also, this year mock elections probably won't be held. It was decided that there were other things that would be much better. Mr. Cleven said he had several ideas, and would bring them up when the meetings began.

Actual work on the yearbook had not yet begun, but Mr. Cleven mentioned that he has started to organize some freshmen committee meetings to begin on the yearbook will start when the student body's pictures come back. Pictures that will be placed in the yearbook such as those taken at fun-nights and football games, can, and are being taken now, and will be used in the yearbook later. Anyonewho wishes to take pictures at fun-nights may. Then when all pictures are turned in, the best will be chosen and put into the yearbook.

Incidentally, we applaud the fine work Mr. Cleven and staff did last year--guess that's why they volunteered him again and were glad!

Hip! Hip! Hooray!

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On October 9, the W.J.H. cheerleaders won a place as one of the top five groups in cheerleading. They competed against over 100 junior high and high schools. The W.J.H. cheerleaders were the only Ypsilanti area group that won.

This year the cheerleaders have introduced a "Spirit Jug" which will be presented to the class with the most enthusiasm. In each following year, we hope this competition continues between the three grades.

Then on October 29, a fun-night was given by the Physical Education Department. Some of the money from this is going toward paying for new sweaters for the cheerleaders.

This year's squad is striving to be the best West has ever turned out, and they are trying hard to keep the school spirit strong. The real strength of the squad comes from the entire student body.

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RAH!

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Quo Vadis, Y'all!

First year Latin is progressing quite well. We translate a story almost every day and learn about five new Latin words daily. Our lessons are generally about an interesting Greek myth.

Our teacher, Mrs Truesdale, is an excellent one and manages to keep us very interested. She comes to us from the U of M as a Latin major.

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IN FUN OR NOT IN FUN

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Every Thursday night the school gymnasium is full of girls. Mrs. Branch sponsors this activity once a week.

The activities are coordinated with the particular unit the girls are studying in their gym classes.

Currently, Mrs. Branch has us using our limbs studying tumbling. The past six weeks were spent playing speedaway and field hockey. Other units will be basketball, badminton, volleyball and softball. We hope to have a unit on track, too.

All girls who wish to come are welcome! See you next Thursday--

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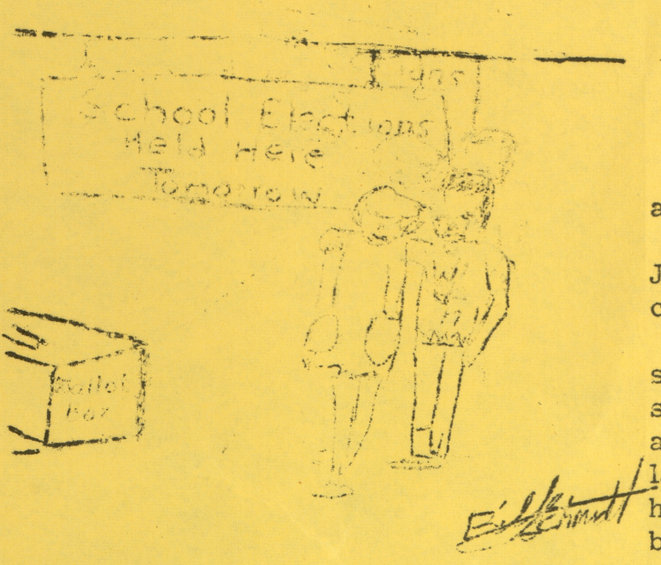

Really, ..as your campaign manager--
Don't you think it's a bit risky to urge the students to vote, until you're sure they're going to vote for you?

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Student Council at a Glance

Sweatshirts, a gym flag, and possibly school pins are a few ideas for this year. Some other vital committees have been set up and the council is beginning to roll.

The sweatshirt committee is already in the process of getting organized. A contest is being held to get a design for the sweatshirt. A deadline is set on Monday, November 3. The orders will be taken the following week. It is expected that the sweatshirts will be here before Christmas.

The flag committee, decided to get a flag for Mr. Wagner, is in the organizing stage also. The Committee has decided to get the flag from the American Legion. Mr. Wagner would like to have the flag before the first basketball game.

The school pins are now an idea in the minds of the officers. They would be "GO MUSTANG" pins to promote school spirit. Other ideas are "make a new friend week" and "to plant a tree on Arbor Day".

The Student Council also would like to say that its purpose as a student government is not only to promote social functions, but also to better the school in other ways.

by Gary Profit

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W.J.H. Boast of International Flavor

This year we welcome Jose Gonzalez, a student from Costa Rica.

The boy is fifteen years old, ninth grader. Jose hopes to become a mechanic, or a chef in an exquisite hotel.

Jose finds that surprisingly enough schools in the United States are very similar to schools in Costa Rica. He also finds his subjects are quite similar. Jose has noticed that boys and girls here have about the same interests as boys and girls in Costa Rica, although music and sports differ considerably. He saw his 1st football game since coming to Ypsilanti.

Jose says that he has enjoyed his experiences in school here, especially the opportunity to learn English.

Good Luck, Jose!

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THANKSGIVING IS NEAR

People follow many traditions on holidays; and what season is more traditional than Thanksgiving? Many people have family reunions centered around a huge warm turkey, fresh from the oven, with season dressing and cranberry sauce. The fragrant smell of hot pumpkin pies...

Father or grandfather usually carves the mammoth bird, with mother and the aunts fussing about, helping the little children. Finally, everyone is ready, and Grandfather leads a prayer of thanks. Then there is a noisy clamor of dishes as everyone begins eating his share (or more).

I'm not certain if your Thanksgiving will be like this, but no matter if you have a large gathering or small, turkey or chicken, I'm sure you'll join with the rest of your fellowAmericans in enjoying this coming holiday season.

Pam Clinansmith

Student Council is Giving

Sweatshirts, a pin, flag, and possibly school pins are a few ideas for this year. Some other vital committees have been set up and the council is beginning to grow.

One newsprint committee is already in the process of getting organized. A contest to help plan to get a design for the sweatshirt. A deadline is set on [illegible]. The ordering will be [illegible] following week. It is [illegible] the sweatshirts will be [illegible] Christmas.

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W.J.H. Has Two Inspirational Players

[illegible] a leader. [illegible] grader. [illegible] or a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Dear Clyde:
I just gave my teenage son a brand new $15 fountain pen and the very first day he had it, he lost it. Now, this isn't the first time it's happened. There was a $40 watch, a $60 radio, and a $125 t.v. What do you suggest I do about his constantly losing things?

Forelorn Father

Dear Forelorn Father:
Buy in quantity and save!

Yours truly,
Clyde

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Dear Clyde:
Yesterday my 19 year old son attacked me and beat my brains out. Can you imagine how I felt after that?
Aside from having a headache, I felt very depressed. Oh, what shall I do?

Sincerely,
P.Q.

Dear P.Q:
Obviously you have some sort of lack of father-son relationship. My advice is to call upon a professional in this matter. In the meantime, however, you can take two aspirins and send $1.95 for a copy of my latest book Ten Easy Steps to Judo. This book not only makes a dandy place to store photos, but if you read it, it might also help you in warding off attackers.
Caution: Do not let your son read it, he's obviously better!

Yours truly,
Clyde

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Dear Clyde:
I like this girl. I wanted to ask her to the dance this Friday, but my best friend asked her first and she accepted. What shall I do?

L.B.F.

Dear L.B.F.:
That all depends on how big your boyfriend is.

Yours truly,
Clyde

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TOP TEN

1. Get Off My Cloud --The Rolling Stones
2. My Baby --Temptations
   Turn, Turn, Turn- The Byrds
3. I Hear a Symphony-The Supremes
4. 1, 2, 3 - Len Barry
   Let Me Be --The Turtles
5. Revolution Kind --Sonny
6. Over and Over --D.C. 5
   My Girl Has Gone--The Miracles
7. I Can Never Go Home Anymore
   Hide In The Wall -- (Shangri-Las)
   The Packers
8. Yesterday -- The Beaties
   You've Got to Hide
   Your Love Away-- Silkies
9. I Feel Good -- James Brown
   Ain't That Peculiar-Marvin Gaye
10. It's Only Love
    I've Just Seen a Face --The Beatles

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--Rick's Kicks--

Let's Face Facts:
Fellow students of West Junior High-Beware!! Is one of your privileges here in danger?? If you don't think so, just consider the facts:
Each time some minor disturbance occurs, such as the dropping of a plate in the cafeteria, mass hysteria breaks out.
On occasions, major disturbances have become almost riots.
When the period is released, it is like the sound of wild animals. This can be heard from one end of the school to the other!
During the past, the faculty has almost found it necessary to use drastic methods of control.
Would you like to march to and from lunch period the way it is done in a military academy?
In a school day with few times for a bit of relaxation, is not our lunch period a precious thing?
This paper calls on each of you to try to keep it a free and informal situation.
Will you help???

This is an appeal for reason--a request for positive action:
Recipe: Respect for others, a heap of manners equals better digestion and less congestion!

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The Trading Post

For Sale: 80 Power reflector telescope in good condition made by Gilbert. Price ~~$12.00~~. If interested, call HU 3-1402.

For Sale: 10 speed English racer. Price: $50.00. If interested, call HU 3-5922

For Sale: 1 pair of hockey gloves and shin pads. They will go to the highest bidder. If interested, call HU 2-0441

For Sale: One very used clarinet. Room 401.

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Wanted. to Trade: Bill Schmidt, for anything worthwhile. Call 007.

Wanted: One used 10-key adding machine with tape. Room 401.

Wanted: 1 pair of figure skates, size 9, white. Call No. 5-2209

Wanted: English Style girl's bike in fair condition. Call NO. 5-2209

Wanted: A radio in good condition, not too expensive. Call HU 26403.

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"Life Consists of What A Man Is Thinking All Day."

Emerson

CHEERS. . . . .

To all the readers of the excellent papers and the creators of the attractive posters during National Education Week

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CHEERS. . . .

To Mr. Kerr for his interesting display by the bookstore. He made Veterans Day "live", and gave us all something to think about.

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JEERS. . . . . .

To students who have not learned to walk along the roadside FACING oncoming traffic.

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To all the loudmouths who roam the halls on the pretense of using the restroom and disrupt classes which are in session.

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To all students who can't seem to get to homeroom on time

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Your Signature, Please!

On November 1st, the suggestion box was opened for the first time this year by the suggestion box committee. The committee placed the box in the library at the beginning of the year.

The box was opened and bout 30 suggestions were found, but only about 15 were usable because the others weren't signed. Such things as more fun-nights, freshmen get in free, at the Freshmen Farewell, and potato chips in the lunch-room were found. But the committee decided that only two had any merit; more white milk and menus posted in homerooms. The others will be brough before the council too, however.

We hope that more people will use the suggestion box, making worthwhile suggestions. BUT REMEMBER, BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME!

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..... MIDDLE CLASS-MEN ON THE MOVE

During the past month eighth graders were really on the move. To find out what they have been doing, read on!

Have you any doubts about your hearing? If so, during the last week in November was the perfect time to find out if you really did have difficulty in hearing. Tests were given to all eighth grade classes along with any students new to the system. These tests are very profitable because they may discover a hearing problem in time to correct it and besides, there isn't any charge!

Eighth grade science classes have been studying cells. They have completely covered them by drawing diagrams and observing them under microscopes. It is also nearing the time to start thinking about the Southeastern Michigan Science Fair and many eighth graders are thinking about representing our school in it.

During the week of October eighteenth to the twenty-second, the eighth graders had to take Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. These tests were conducted in the cafetorium under the direction of our counselors, Mrs. Cleary and Mr. Wilbanks. Many students do not realize the importance of these tests. They consist of eleven separate tests for grades three through nine. The primary purpose of them is to reveal how well each pupil has mastered the basic skills. Other reasons for these tests are: 1: To identify major areas where help is needed, 2: To see how our teaching standards compare to those of other schools, 3: To aid pupil guidance in such things as choosing classes. They also measure the growth of the pupil from year to year. Each pupil has a profile chart on which his test scores are plotted along a standard scale of grade equivalents. These are very useful and are often referred to.

So, seventh graders, do your best next year!

IS A SECOND HAND STORE THE ANSWER?

Although the school year has only begun, the office lost and found has already accumulated a variety of lost articles--

Contributing to our collection are such articles as: socks, (somebody has cold feet), books (can we not think of an easier and more original way to get out of homework ?), hats, slacks (how do you lose those?), sweatshirts, jackets and sweaters. These items are usually in good condition.

If you have lost anything, please claim it in the office.

We may have to open Second Hand Store!

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Question:
What happened to the Pledge of Allegiance??????

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Trees On A Soft Gray Day
by Pam Clinansmith------

I love to see the perfect leaves
Fall gently from the quiet trees;
I love to see black, bare branches
Sway in the firm, soft breeze.

The shades of red, the sheens of green
The delicate gleam of gold,
Colors so bright! Colors so mute!
All so brazen and bold!

And when all the leaves have fallen,
The cold winter winds do blow
How I love to see the stark black trees
Contrasted against the snow.

Fashion News For Teens

"What are you going to wear?" This is something that almost everyone has said at least once.

Everyone is aware that your appearance consists largely upon how you dress. Your clothes do not have to be the latest in style, but should always be neat and clean. You should wear what looks best on you.

There are many new exciting fashions for teenagers this fall.

Boys like the v-neck and pullover sweaters. Loafers and tennis shoes are worn by most. Tan, white, black and corduroy levis are the latest in slacks. Boys also like bench warmers, corduroy coats and suade pullovers. Sweatshirts will always be "in".

Girls like bell-bottoms, levis and straight stem slacks for casual wear.

For school, any type of skirt (pleated, straight, a-line, etc.) is popular. Kilts are also popular. Baby doll dresses are the biggest in the dress department and come in every color and design. Jumpers are worn very much. "A"line, V-neck and the low belt are the favorite styles.

Some girls are beginning to wear "granny" dresses, which are dresses that come down to the ankle.

Cardigans & V-neck sweaters are the most popular this year, and mohair is still a favorite with girls.

Many girls like skirt and sweater sets, and the "total look" which is a sweater and stocking set color-keyed with a skirt.

Any kind of textured or over the knee stockings are popular.

For school shoes, girls like penny and Italian loafers and leather or suade shoes that tie.

Stacked heels are the latest, but flats, tennis shoes are still "in."

Campus coats or bench warmers, seem to be the most popular, and long tailed ski hats are starting to make their success.

Fashion News Continued:

The "pierced ear look" is seen alot. For the girls who don't want to get their ears pierced, there are earrings that look almost like the real thing.

The earrings are anything from large hoops to tiny pearl buttons.

Wooden rings and bracelets are popular, and some pierced earrings are made out of wood, too.

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West Wins Wopper---

When West met East on October 23, the Mustangs were victorious. The final score was 23 to 0. With the help of good blocking in the first quarter, John Matthews scored West's first T.D. the extra point attempt was good, and West lead 7 to 0. In the second quarter Don Fox took a hand off from the a quarterback, with the help of a key block from a team mate and a great burst of speed, he out-ran the East secondary to score again for West. The extra point attempt was unsuccessful.

West's defense got into the act scoring a safety for two points.

The score at the end of the half was 15 to 0.

The 3rd quarter was scoreless, but West got going again in the 4th quarter with John Wilson throwing a perfect pass to Gary Bickly, who grabbed it and scored another West touchdown, but again, the extra point attempt failed.

Again the defense took over and kept East minus yardage, scoring a safety again for another two points.

At Shadrad Field, West won again Wednesday October 27. The final score was 6 to 0. William Mitchell went 46 yards for a T.D., the extra point attempt failed. West failed on several scoring opportunities. The game was mostly a defensive game.

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Basketball Forecast:

I talked to Mr. Latta about the upcoming basketball season, and he said that the 8th and 9th grades are going to have another great season, it's the 7th grade he isn't sure of.

7th grade tryouts should be of great interest.

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New Faces

All of you have seen new teachers at West this year, and many of you have one of them for a class.

The purpose of this article is to get to know them better.

Miss Pfauth, the typing teacher, was born in Bridgeman, Michigan and attended Eastern Michigan University. Her favorite pastime is sports.

Miss Luther, who teaches eighth and ninth grade English, was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She graduated from Albion College and attended U. of M. and U. of W. Her interests are skeet shooting, archery, sewing and oil painting.

Miss Kerr teaches English and grew up in Royal Oak, Michigan. She attended U. of M. Her hobbies are correcting papers, and correcting more papers!

Mrs. Hall, teaches English, literature and social sciences. She attended M.S.U. and U. of M. Her hobbies are golf, swimming, sewing and football games.

Mr. Payne lives in Ypsilanti and attended U. of M. He is also a member of the National Music Fraternity in Synfonia. He enjoys church and other types of music.

New Faces Continued:

Mr. MacKenzie teaches eighth and ninth grade history. He was born in Benton Harbor, and attended Notre Dame University, and Western Michigan. He lives in Ypsilanti and has two daughters ages two and four. He thinks the school is well organized and that the students are nice.

Mrs. Pierce teaches ninth grade English and was born in Middletown, Ohio. She attended Ohio State University, and her hobbies are music, drama, sewing, watersports and gardening.

Mr. Kruse teaches ninth grade Careers. He was born in Detroit and attended U. of M. His hobbies are mechanics and golf.

Mrs. Blasie was born in Detroit, Michigan. She lives in Ann Arbor and attended U. of M. Her hobbies are home-economics, music and sewing.

Mrs. Truesdale teaches Latin.

Mr. McAuliffe, teaches English, Geography and Literature.

Mr. Alexander teaches Science, Room 403.

Mr. Simmons teaches Hard of Hearing.

Mr. Thayer teaches Special Education.

Mr. Perriello teaches English, and Geography.

Mr. Wilson teaches English.

Mrs. Haessler

Mrs. Vadum

Because of limited time, we regret that we could not interview all the new teachers but will do so in the next paper.

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DBC EIGHT CHOSEN

Eight students of West Junior High School were chosen to be in Ypsilanti Girls' Drum and Bugle Corps. The girls are: Theresa Barnett, Patty Brackney, Gretchen Buccos, JoAnn Poling, Mary Wehr, Sue Wright and Maureen Woodside.

Several weeks ago, these girls and many others were weighed and had their height measured. To be accepted, the girls had to be approximately the right weight for their height. All girls trying out for the group had to be between 62 inches and 67 inches tall.

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WHERE DID THE CLUBS GO?

It seems to us that interest in clubs at school has gone steadily down. The teachers have been disappointed by the lack of interest in clubs this year.

Last year there was a chess club, a French club, a radio club and a library club. However, only clubs that we know of this year are the library club and the Latin club.

We think that pupils should show more interest in clubs this year.

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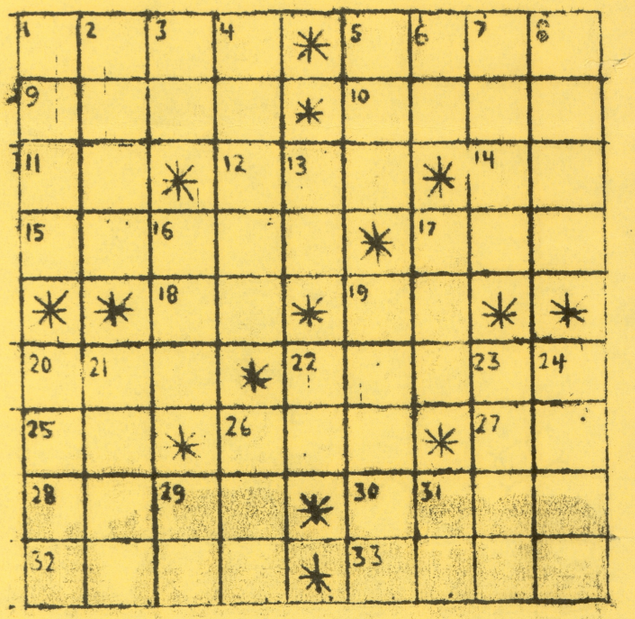
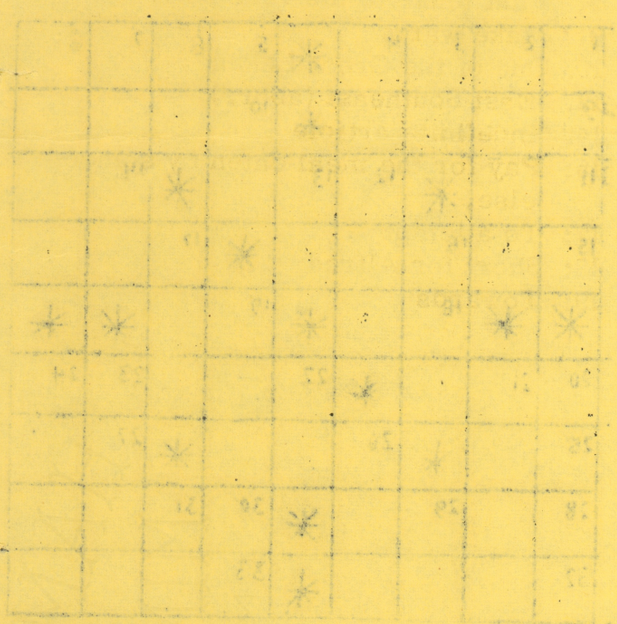


ACROSS:

1. Near in place, time or thought.
5. Past tense of the verb sell.
9. Make warm
10. One of the Great Lakes
12. East Southeast (abbr.)
14. Indefinite article
15. Pay for the meal eaten by someone else.
17. To attempt
18. Short for Alfred
19. Towards



Across (Continued)

20. Narrow bed usually made of canvas.
22: Past tense of the verb choose.
25: Prefix meaning from as in "_____ sent."
26: On behalf of
27: Exclamation of satisfaction.
28: Present tense of the verb lost
30: Aroma
32: Present tense of the verb led
33: Troubles
11: Anti-aircraft (abbr.)

DOWN:

1. The other one
2. Present tense of the verb heard
3. Iowa (unofficial abbr.)
4. Present tense of the verb stole
5. Present tense of the verb saw.
6. Either
7. One who tells an untruth
8. Declares untrue
13. Street (abbr.)
16. Present tense of the verb ate
17. In addition
19. Present tense of the verb threw
20. Summon
21. Wind instrument
22. Company (abbr.)
23. Present tense of the verb shod.
24. Organ of hearing
26. Past tense of the verb feed.
29. South America (abbr.)
31. Present tense of the verb did.

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.....and other faces. . . . .

We wish to extend warm welcome to all students teachers, lay-readers, pre-student teachers, and especially to pupils who have come to West for the first time. We want you to like WJH; we LIKE you.

WE'RE NOT LION !!!

225 WJH students boarded buses last Friday, Nov. 19th, and took a quick jaunt to KU's beautiful Quirk Theater to see "Androcles and the Lion".

Students, and the faculty members who accompanied them, all said the play was exceedingly well done, and that the excursion was worthwhile.

One "thorny" item, however..... seems like WJH needs more activities of this kind, or is it (these kinds),??? Our students (and some teachers ??) seem to "go to pieces" when scheduling is altered just a wee bit. Let's show em that we want more cultural activities, more "fun-type" assemblies, and field trips.

Perhaps all we need is ample opportunity to show that we can explore new vistas in a sophisticated way.

Honest, Androcles, we ain't lion!!!

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Now the Mustang Messenger doesn't wish to spoil Thanksgiving dinner for anyone, but..... that same week also ends the second marking period.